Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Seventy-two years ago Rapid City's first hospital was organized by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church; it was called Methodist Deaconess Hospital and opened with 25 beds--treating 250 patients the first year in operation; and,

WHEREAS, The First Rapid City hospital, begun through the Methodist Church, underwent many organizational changes; it was decided to build a new building to be called Bennett-Clarkson Memorial Hospital in honor of its two most generous donors; the facility was dedicated on July 11, 1954, and the city's first hospital was then torn down; and,

WHEREAS, After lengthy discussions and many years of deliberation, Bennett-Clarkson and St. John's McNamara agreed it would be beneficial for the community to create a unified health care center; and,

WHEREAS, On Saturday, June 20, 1973, Rapid City Regional Hospital, Inc., was born; and,

WHEREAS, Since 1973, Rapid City Regional Hospital has served the region's health care needs and opened the new hospital located at 353 Fairmont Blvd., in 1979; it is a ten-story structure with a patient bed capacity of 212; and,

WHEREAS, Today, Rapid City Regional Hospital, under the leadership of President Jerry B. Scott, is currently expanding facilities at the Main Unit with the additions which will house obstetrics, pediatrics, nurseries, 52 medical-surgical beds, and other ancillary areas; and,

WHEREAS, It is the philosophy of this hospital to provide leadership in the delivery of comprehensive health care services to the region and assure organizational responsiveness to the region's changing health care needs:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 12-18, 1983, as

RAPID CITY REGIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK IN RAPID CITY

In recognition of the service the hospital provides to western South Dakota and in commemoration of the institution's 10th anniversary which falls on June 20, 1983.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

William Janklow

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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